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# ISSO Weekly Newsletter January 17

## **First Friday Party for New Students January 17**

You've made it through your first week at UNI! New students, please join the ISSO office in celebrating TODAY from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Center for Multicultural Education (upper level of Maucker Union). There will be cookies and beverages and plenty of time to hang out with the friends you made last week. The five \$100 scholarships will be handed out at this time!

## **Mall of America Trip Sign-Up**

Our first trip of the semester will be on Saturday, February 1 to the Mall of America (<http://www.mallofamerica.com/>) in Bloomington, Minnesota. The bus will be leaving from Wisconsin Street behind Maucker Union at 7:30 am and returning at approximately 7:30 pm. Total cost of the trip is \$10 per student. Lunch may be purchased on your own. Come to the ISSO Office (113 Maucker Union) to sign up. Please bring \$10 cash (exact change) when signing up. This is a great opportunity to do some shopping at the more than 400+ stores, go to the amusement park, and hang out with friends. Sign-up closes Wednesday, January 29 or when the bus is full.

## **International Friendship Program Student Applications Due TODAY**

The International Friendship program was created to build relationships between UNI students and local families in the community. The goal of this organization is to promote cultural exchange between international students and American host families. Students who apply for this program are seeking to learn more about American culture by becoming a part of a family and finding a home away from home. Families volunteer to host an international student as a way to learn about the student's country and to build a friendship.

Application forms can be picked up from the ISSO Office or printed from [http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/sites/default/files/untitled-1\\_1.pdf](http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/sites/default/files/untitled-1_1.pdf).

Student applications are due by 5 pm, Friday, January 17 in the ISSO Office, 113 Maucker Union.

## **Mini Orientation Sessions**

This semester we will be doing mini orientation sessions for Chinese students only and Saudi Arabian students only - degree seeking, exchange and CIEP. These sessions will cover many important aspects of the week long orientation. A staff person from CIEP and ISSO will be at the session along with a Chinese or Saudi interpreter as sometimes it is easier to understand information in your native language. The Chinese mini orientation session will be Wednesday, January 22 from 3-5 pm in the Maucker Union Presidential Room and the Saudi mini orientation session will be Friday, January 24 from 3-5 pm, in the Maucker Union State College Room. Cookies and beverages will be provided.

## **Annual Tribute Address on Martin Luther King Day**

Come celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the annual evening tribute address at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 20, 2014, at the Center for Multicultural Education on UNI's campus. This year's address will be delivered by Dr. Marcia Y. Riggs, who was in the vanguard of the black feminist movement, known as womanism, in the 1980's. For more information see the attached flyer.

## **Student Involvement Center MLK Day of Service**

Mark your calendar for January 20 and make your MLK Day a day of service. Work together to prepare meal packages for the Food Bank in Blackhawk County. Visit <http://www.uni.edu/involvement/service/days-of-service/mlk> for more information.

### **Important Information about NEW/RENEWED Iowa Driver's Licenses**

UNI international students are sometimes denied new/renewed Iowa driver's licenses by the Iowa Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and told their paperwork is not in order and they should check with Ross Schupbach at the ISSO office. Ross has consulted with the Waterloo DOT office and learned there could be delays in the verification system for students who have recently entered the U.S., or for students whose records have not been "registered" in SEVIS for the upcoming semester. This SEVIS registration is usually done between the second and fourth week of classes. If you have been denied a driver's license recently, please send an e-mail message to [Ross.Schupbach@uni.edu](mailto:Ross.Schupbach@uni.edu) and include your name, UNI ID number, and indicate whether or not you have recently entered the U.S. Ross will then "register" your SEVIS record earlier than normal (if you have registered for Spring 2014 classes) so you can return to the DOT office and make another request for a license.

### **Spring 2014 Orientation Photos**

Photos from the Spring 2014 New International Student Orientation week are now available for viewing in our photo gallery. To view photos from the event visit <http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/programs-and-activities/photo-gallery> and click on Spring 2014 - Orientation.

### **UNI Goes Mobile**

Take UNI with you on your smartphone with the new mobile apps. The MyUNI mobile app is now available for the iPhone and iPod Touch, Android phones and other phones, such as Windows phones and Blackberry, via mobile Web. This app includes links to a campus map, lunch menus, a calendar of all campus events and much more! For more information visit <http://www.uni.edu/web/mobile>.

### **Small Refrigerator for Sale**

Igloo 4.6 cubic ft refrigerator and freezer for sale. Bought in May for \$138, barely used, selling for \$100. Cash, first come, first serve, you remove. You may see it at the ISSO office.

### **Like and Follow Us!**

Like us on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/UNI.ISSO?ref=tn\\_tnmn](https://www.facebook.com/UNI.ISSO?ref=tn_tnmn) and follow us on Twitter [https://twitter.com/ISSO\\_UNI](https://twitter.com/ISSO_UNI) to stay informed about ISSO news and events!

### **ISSO Office Hours**

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